A proposal for Rs. 179.92 crore was received from the Government of Maharashtra in 2007-08 under the scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for OBC students. Keeping in view the budget allocation and proposals received from other States/UTs, submission of utilization certificate of grant released in the previous years and provision made for the committed liability, an amount of Rs. 19.50 crore was released to the State Government of Maharashtra in 2007-08. The total expenditure on the scheme by Government of India was Rs. 125.17 crore in 2007-08.

**Violence against Scheduled Castes**

4123. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been instances of caste violence against those belonging to Sche-duled Castes in the various parts of the country, during 2008; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of complaints submitted, cases registered against the caste violence and atrocities against Scheduled Castes during the last five years, State-wise, year-wise, and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) The data in regard to instances of caste violence is not separately maintained. However, as per data available, the number of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, State wise, during the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, is given in the Statement.

***Statement***

*State/Union Territory wise number of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during the years* 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 *and* 2006.

| Sl. No. | Name of the State/Union Territory | Number of cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 during the year 2006. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 1806 | 2328 | 2236 | 3571 | 4579 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 27 |
| 3. | Assam | 0 | 1 | 0 | 498 | 526 |
| 4. | Bihar | 876 | 1185 | 1785 | 1811 | 2097 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 920 | 815 | 769 | 950 | 1027 |
| 6. | Goa | 2 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| 7. | Gujarat | 1167 | 1025 | 1070 | 1538 | 1155 |
| 8. | Haryana | 63 | 43 | 61 | 288 | 283 |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | 14 | 12 | 22 | 60 | 107 |
| 10. | Jharkhand | 93 | 168 | 232 | 592 | 620 |
| 11. | Karnataka | 1232 | 1293 | 1232 | 1913 | 1918 |
| 12. | Kerala | 469 | 335 | 374 | 427 | 439 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 13. | Madhya Pradesh | 6758 | 5087 | 4135 | 5970 | 5711 |
| 14. | Maharashtra | 812 | 870 | 922 | 1057 | 1284 |
| 15. | Manipur | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| 16. | Meghalaya | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 17. | Mizoram | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18. | Nagaland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 114 |
| 19. | Orissa | 1274 | 1222 | 1407 | 2041 | 1502 |
| 20. | Punjab | 60 | 56 | 66 | 139 | 184 |
| 21. | Rajasthan | 5464 | 5241 | 5391 | 4657 | 4877 |
| 22. | Sikkim | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 2 |
| 23. | Tamil Nadu | 917 | 974 | 891 | 1207 | 931 |
| 24. | Tripura | 0 | 0 | 1 | 50 | 23 |
| 25. | Uttar Pradesh | 5841 | 1778 | 2863 | 4375 | 4838 |
| 26. | Uttarakhand | 78 | 120 | 133 | 100 | 69 |
| 27. | West Bengal | 27 | 22 | 28 | 24 | 20 |
| 28. | A & N Islands | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 17 |
| 29. | Chandigarh | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 30. | D & N Haveli | 1 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| 31. | Daman & Diu | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 32. | Delhi | 17 | 15 | 9 | 21 | 21 |
| 33. | Lakshadweep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 34. | Puducherry | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | TOTAL: | 27,894 | 22,603 | 23629 | 31387 | 32407 |

The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 does not extend to the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

**Schemes for blind persons**

†4124. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the welfare schemes for the welfare of blind persons and making them lead a normal life;

(b) the details of allocations made during the last three years for the said schemes, State-wise; and

(c) whether the amount allocated has been utilized fully?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances, grants-in-aid are sanctioned to the Voluntary Organisations and Implementing Agencies for the welfare of persons with disabilities including blind persons. In addition, National Institute for the Visually Handicapped has been established at Dehradun for education, vocational training, training of teachers and personnel, research and development of service modules, production of Braille books, distribution of aids and appliances for the visually handicapped and other persons with disabilities.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.